

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE : DOCKET NO. 5125**  
**LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FILED :**  
**BY HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS, LLC :**

**ORDER**

On February 10, 2021, Hughes Network Systems, LLC. (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for registration to operate as a Class VI Telecommunication Service Provider<sup>1</sup> pursuant to the entry requirements for telecommunications service providers adopted by the PUC.<sup>2</sup> The application included the Company's statement of business operations and proposed service.

On March 3, 2021, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) filed a memorandum indicating that the Company has complied with the filing requirements necessary to obtain authorization to operate as a provider of telecommunications service and recommended approval of the Company's application.

At an Open Meeting held on March 19, 2021, the Commission found the Company's application to be proper, reasonable, and in the interest of ratepayers. The PUC approved the Company's application.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24012) ORDERED:

- 1) The application for registration to operate as Class VI Telecommunication Supplier filed by Hughes Network Systems, LLC is approved.

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<sup>1</sup> Registering as a VoIP Service provider. Although VoIP providers are exempt from PUC regulation per R.I. Gen. Laws §39-28-3, the application requirement stands for the sole purpose of registration and thereby, enforcement and assessment of fees per R.I. Gen. Laws §39-28-4.

<sup>2</sup> Order No. 15040 (issued July 12, 1996)

2) Hughes Network Systems, LLC. shall notify the PUC when actual operation commences in Rhode Island.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 19, 2021 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON MARCH 19, 2021. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED APRIL 5, 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



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Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



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Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

**Notice of Right of Appeal:** Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within 7 days from the date of the Order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or Order.